



**WE wish to thank the public for the nice business given us during the past year and particularly do we appreciate the big volume of Christmas business we have enjoyed.**

**WE WISH FOR EVERYONE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY DURING 1922.**

**DENHOF JEWELRY CO.**  
SANTA FE WATCH INSPECTORS

#### COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE SHOULD HAVE NUMERICAL INDEX

Curry County is the only county in which I have ever lived where the clerk's office was not equipped with an index, so arranged, that a person could easily trace the title to property. But, it makes no difference how competent a person may be, they can not trace a title in this county except they have the name of every person who ever made a deed or mortgage to such property, and where there have been a number of transfers, you can not tell anything about it without going to an abstractor's office and getting the names of parties connected with transfers, and even an abstractor must check back every record, deed, mortgage, assignment, miscellaneous and judgment, before they can tell, and no difference how much a county clerk or deputy should want to assist you, under present conditions, they can be of very little service.

Everyone who should have occasion to examine the records would be benefitted by a Numerical Index and I hope that our county commissioners will see that we have it. The cost would be small compared with the conveniences and benefits to be de-

rived. I am not kicking, just calling attention to our need, and believe our commissioners want to benefit the public when they can.

Chas. E. Dennis.

#### V. TATE WANTS TO BE SHERIFF OF COUNTY

V. Tate wants to be sheriff of Curry County and some few weeks ago had his name placed in the News' announcement column. Mr. Tate has been an auctioneer in Curry County for a number of years and his work has brought him an exceptionally large acquaintance, particularly among the farmers. Mr. Tate will run subject to the action of the Democratic primary in April.

#### SLANDER!

Visitor—"You certainly have a fine looking bunch of stenographers. Where do you find them?"

Boys—"Usually back in the corner arranging their hair."

Have you something you don't need? Sell it to some fellow who does need it. A Clovis News Want Ad will make the sale.

Amarillo Daily News and the Clovis News for \$7.20 a year.

#### "VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

(By McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

#### THE GIRL WHO MADE A KING HER JESTER.

IF it had not been for a little negro boy with a crooked back one of the most beautiful women of the French revolutionary period might have escaped with her life. But it was the delight of Mme. du Barry to tease this boy Louis Zamora until he flew into futile rages. Her death was his revenge.

She began life as a servant's daughter, but soon became a beauty. The son of the Duc de Brissac saw her when she was under twenty, employed in a milliner's shop. From his hands she passed on to the Vicomte Du Barry, a down-at-the-heel nobleman who kept a famous gambling establishment. She was the attraction of the gaming tables for several years. Then the vicomte, who saw her loveliness increase every day, conceived the idea of introducing her to Louis XV.

Lebel, valet to the king, was the judge of beauty for his imperial master. He already had introduced Pompadour, then dead. And it was to Lebel that the vicomte applied. The valet gave a dinner to which the gambler's apprentice was invited. But she failed to find the king there. In her disappointment she drank deeply, and gave way to a string of the bad talk for which she afterward was famous. The king, hidden behind a curtain, listened and was delighted. He came forth and Du Barry's fortune was in the making.

Every woman Louis had known went to the last lengths in an effort to entertain him. But Du Barry insisted that he entertain her.

Then Louis died. Du Barry retreated to a place near Paris and not long afterward again fell in with De Brissac. Next came the revolution, fearful, bloody days. Du Barry hid, but Zamora kept the revolutionary authorities informed of all that she did. One day De Brissac was late in returning from a trip to Paris in search of news. Du Barry, fearful, told Zamora to go down the road and see if her lover was on the way. "There is no need," he said. "I can show you his head," and he brought forth that gruesome object.

Du Barry was tried and executed on the same day, December 7, 1793. At the last she broke down and pleaded for her life. Zamora stood by the block and screamed his delight.

#### MAY VISIT SOVIET RUSSIA.

Friends of Eugene V. Debs, who was freed on Christmas Day by President Harding, from the Atlanta Federal penitentiary, where he was serving a ten year sentence for making speeches in violation of war laws, declared that an invitation from the Soviet government to visit Russia awaited Debs, and that he probably would accept, and that it is his intention to seek a vow from every man, woman and child in this country, or any country which he might visit, to refuse to take up arms in warfare.

Mr. Farmer, if you are going to have a public sale, advertise it in the News. Proper advertising through the columns of this paper will bring you a crowd.

Try a News Want Ad.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

In wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we desire to express our appreciation and thanks for your patronage during the past year.

Your co-operation has aided us to safely reach another year's growth, an added stability, and an increased capacity to serve.

We firmly believe that 1922 will mark a steady return to the better financial condition we all crave, and wish you your full share of prosperity and happiness.

### THE CITIZENS BANK OF CLOVIS

"THE FARMERS' FRIEND"

#### New Year's in Egypt

IF A group of people were shipwrecked or otherwise cast upon their own resources and were to lose track of the date they would have no easy means of finding it again. Our year is an artificial one, and so must be made by careful study in well equipped observatories. Without precise instruments it would be difficult to fix the day when the new year begins.

The ancient Egyptians experienced no such difficulty. Their year, from which ours is derived, had a perfectly natural beginning. It always commenced on the day when Sirius and the sun rose together.

The temples of Egypt were really observatories, built to face this or that star as it rose. They were more or less elaborate, but all had as their fundamental plan a long narrow passage down which the star's rays came, and a dark chamber at the far end where the priest made the observation and where the image was kept.

The beginning of the new year was an important event. We can picture the scene as the priests, followed by the scribes, lawyers, merchants, and the curious crowd, wind their way up to the temple in the first streaks of dawn, and take their appointed places. As daylight comes on the interest of everyone is centered on two groups.

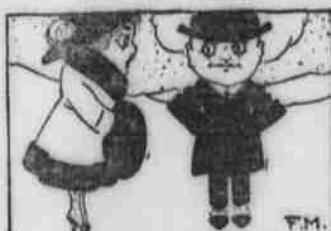
The priests on the roof are straining their eyes for the first glimpse of the coming sun, while those down in the dark chamber are watching for Sirius. Soldiers are stationed around the temple to keep the crowd silent and to prevent stragglers from crossing the path of the star's rays in front of the temple door at the critical moment.

A shout bursts from those on the roof as the sun tops the horizon. The observers below watch their water clocks carefully now as the minutes are told off, and strain their eyes at the narrow opening where Sirius is to shine. In a few moments Sirius itself flashes into view, and the new year has begun.

The Egyptians discovered that the year has an extra quarter of a day in it. They did it by noting that on some years Sirius and the sun rose almost together, while on others there was an appreciable difference in time, and that these changes repeated themselves every five years. They found the length of the year to within 21 minutes of its true value, which was a remarkable thing to do with the primitive appliances they had at hand.

#### NEW YEAR'S THEN AND NOW.

As long as people can remember, there have been New Year parties. The old Romans gave theirs in honor of Janus, the two-faced god. One face looked back at the old, spent year, and one face looked forward to the new, fresh year. They gave presents to him and to each other with the hope that the new year would be good to them. Some of the people who lived long ago waited until the end of March to celebrate the New Year, since that was the time that the trees and grass began new life.



#### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

"Are you making any good resolutions for New Year's Day?"  
"No, I haven't had time to break all my last New Year's ones yet."

#### A GOOD RESOLUTION.

A good resolution is the offering of remorse and regret, who were wedded by experience.

#### Quaint New Year Customs

IN SCOTLAND New Year's day has even more importance than Christmas. Highland laddies form processions and go from house to house singing and receiving food and gifts. From Scotland also comes the curious superstition that it is unlucky to take anything out of the house on New Year's day before one has brought something in; hence members of the family may be seen carrying a piece of coal or any small object into the house, to prevent misfortune during the new year.

A quaint New Year custom in Hertfordshire, England, is to weave black-thorn into a crown, sing it slightly over a fire and stand around it repeating the words, "Old Cider." The crown is then hung up for luck during the year.

The wassail bowl or loving cup, filled with spiced ale, was in use in New Year celebrations in Old World countries, and children would go about the streets carolling.

In England December 25 was the New Year's day until the time of William the Conqueror. His coronation occurred January 1, hence the year was ordered to begin on that day. England, however, gradually fell into unison with the rest of Christendom, and began the year the 25th of March. The Gregorian calendar restored January 1 as the gateway of the year but it was not until 1752 that England adopted this date.

The custom of exchanging New Year presents still holds in France and the Latin countries.

#### MOYE FOR SHERIFF.

Our announcement column contains the name of D. L. Moye for Sheriff of Curry County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Election. Mr. Moye was for two terms sheriff of this county and made an excellent officer. He is now chief of police of Clovis and has had much experience as a peace officer. Mr. Moye is a consistent Democrat and has always been lined with the Democratic party in every battle it has fought.

#### TOO MUCH BOOZE FOR EL PASO MERCHANTS

El Paso, Texas—Juarez night life will cease to play such a large part in the life of El Paso, if a movement now under way culminates successfully.

The plan is to have the United States officials close the bridges to traffic between Juarez and El Paso after 6 o'clock in the evening.

So much El Paso money is being spent in Juarez that it is getting to be almost as much of a drain on this city as gambling was before it was closed in 1904, business men assert.

There will be meetings in El Paso within the next few days among the men in various trades and industries to start the movement for early bridge closing. The merchants feel that, if they can stop the night hegira to Juarez, they will plug the big drain on El Paso's finances.

#### "SAY IT WITH NOOSE."

"Say it with a gun" seems to be popular as a slogan for many Texans. There is an alarming number of homicides in the State. The murder rate is certainly on the increase although definite figures will probably not be known until a summary is made at the close of the present year.

"Say it with a noose," is the most effective answer to those who "say it with guns." A few legal hangings will do more to check the murder game in Texas than anything else.

One authority has said that a murderer in this country is in less danger of being executed for his crime than a locomotive engineer is of losing his life in the regular routine of his work.

America has been made pretty safe for criminals but it is time for us to begin to give some thought to making it safe for the rest of us. The best way to do it is to "say it with a noose" a little more often.—Amarillo Tribune

#### WOODMEN INSTALLATION.

There will be a joint installation of officers of the W. O. W. Lodge and Woodmen Circle at the hall at 7:30 next Monday evening. Every Woodman is welcome to come and bring his family. Refreshments will be served.

Try a News Want Ad.

Shoes for All  
the Family

**Our Wish  
To You**

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Shine Parlor

**We wish to thank our customers and friends for the favors they have extended us during the past year, and wish for all Good Health, Good Luck and Good Cheer during 1922.**

Remember us when you want shoes; big reduction now on all Ladies' High Top Shoes.

Hosiery

**A. WIEDMANN**  
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**Thank You**

For the past year of friendship and patronage May 1922 be one of happiness, contentment and prosperity to you and yours.

**The Clovis Steam Laundry**  
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